

REMARKS

Claim 1, 7, 8 and 9-20 have been amended, claims 2 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 22 and 23 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments. For instance, support for the amendments and new claims appears e.g. at page 3 and the original claims of the application.

Claims 1, 2, and 7-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. As grounds for the rejection is stated that the number of significant figures of the ranges recited in the claims are not supported.

While Applicants disagree with the rejection, the ranges in claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite the same significant figures as recited in the specification.

In view thereof, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claims 1, 7/1, 8/1, 11/1-15/1 and 19/1-21/1 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Jung et al. (U.S. Patent 6391518).

While Applicants disagree with the rejection, it is also believed the rejection has been obviated by the amendments made herein. In particular, independent claim 1 (the only rejected independent claim) has been amended to recite subject matter of former claim 2, which former claim was not rejected over the Jung document.

New independent claim 22 also recites subject matter of former claim 2.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Chen et al. (U.S. Patent 6103447).

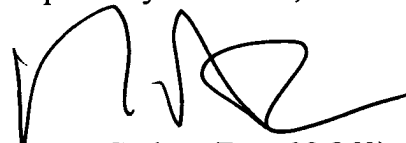
While Applicants also disagree with this rejection, it is also believed this rejection has been obviated by the amendments made herein. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite subject matter of former claim 21, which former claim was not rejected over the Chen document.

New independent claim 22 also recites subject matter of claim 10, which claim was not rejected over the Chen document.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

It is believed that the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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